

RATS. It is said that if rats are troublesome sprinkle unslacked lime in their holes and about the places where they congregate; and they will take "French leave."

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TEMPORARY REMOVAL.

Our Office will be kept on the South Side of the Street, at No. 43, nearly opposite our old stand, during the Mechanics' Exhibition.

A Word to Committees on Farm Stock.

Before this month closes, the Cattle Shows will commence; and should they be conducted on proper principles—on scientific principles, they will be productive of great advantage to New England.

Many who are conversant with our Cattle Shows know that a pretty numerous class of judicious farmers are not very well satisfied with the awards that are usually made by Committees on meat stock. They cannot be made to understand why a Durham or a Holsteiner cow, or a cow, or a heifer, should obtain a premium for its name only, or for its size, without regard to other qualities.

For the dairy particularly, they cannot understand why a large imported cow should obtain a higher premium than a small native, unless it should happen that the large cow should give nearly as much milk as the small one. They understand the advantages of good "blood stock," (when you have it,) but they would rather begin now to build from native animals than from any select ones that are distinguished for nothing but its immense size.

If any of the imported breeds of "blood stock" are now superior milkers, farmers are willing to pay a high price for them, because, being a select breed, they are not an object to give large prices for them. But if the select breed is not now superior to our native, it is not an object to give large prices for them. For in breeding you insure mediocrity only, but if you build on our best natives you may soon secure a very superior race for the dairy.

It has been quite too customary at our shows to give premiums for the largest stock, without much regard to quality or usefulness. Committees can judge more readily of quantity than of quality; and the largest bull, hog, cow, calf, pumpkin and squash, usually command the premiums.

THE VAN RENNELLAIR TROUBLES.

Since our last we learn that the Sheriff of Albany county has been treated most shamefully by a band of men disguised as Indians; who have clubbed together and agreed to prevent the service of civil process in their county. Sixty-three of them recently attacked the Sheriff and demanded his papers; he refused to deliver them though they presented pistols at his head. He took three deputies with him, but all he deeded and made their submissions, promising never to serve again.

The savages then required the Sheriff to take an oath that he would not act longer in his office, and threatened his life if he refused. But he spurned them with the greatest contempt, and defied them to shoot him. He said he had taken an oath to do his duty and he would do it. Finding they could not stare him, they tarred his feet and stockings, put on feathers and set him at liberty. But he refused to quit; he said he came with authority to levy an execution on the property of an individual and he should do it.

They seized him again and attempted to put him into his wagon with his deputies, who were for getting away as fast as they could. But he decided he would not go in the company of such cowards as his deputies were, and when they attempted to lift him into the wagon with them he kicked them from him, deputies and all! At length they bound him and forced him away, his deputies agreeing to carry him back to Albany.

FURTHER OUTRAGES. The Journal of Commerce of Wednesday says: "A deputy Sheriff named Lewis, was forcibly taken from his house in the village of Nassau, Rennselaer Co., Monday morning, covered with a thick coat of tar and feathers, and was then carried to run around the town pump, and up and down the streets for the amusement of his persecutors."

The Sheriff has applied to Governor Boies for an offer of \$1000 reward for the apprehension of the culprits, and in case of refusal he will himself offer a reward and make known the refusal of the Governor. Some of these pointed men would have felt bullets if the Sheriff could have drawn a pistol from his pocket. He was in the act of doing it, but it caught in his clothes and he was overcome by numbers. This spunky Sheriff attempted to tear off the masks from the faces of his tormentors while they were tarring him.

On our first page will be seen a notice of the "Sandwich glass works," copied from the Newburyport Herald. There were errors in the original and our compositors copied the whole literally. The lead is obtained from Missouri, not Massachusetts. The number of hands employed is said to be one thousand.

The article "English railroads vs. canals," is from the N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

Mrs. PRINGLE, (see our fourth page), is a notable little nation—not a bad woman—but she had no true notions of comfort. Show, show, show; parade, effrontery, form, ceremony. She did not know how to make her friends happy for use. How many tiny little women we have who are yet to learn what is comfort, who vex their husbands from habit, and their visitors from want of common sense!

A FAMILY MEETING. On Thursday last the descendants of Richard Haverland celebrated the 200th anniversary of the arrival of their ancestor in this country. The Hon. John C. Park of this city gave an address. Joseph Fuller Esq. entertained upwards of 600 guests at his dinner table. We can give no more particulars of this meeting for not one of the 600 had furnished us even with notes or minutes to make a good story of, though we send upwards of 200 numbers of the Ploughman to Framingham each week in the year.

A man by the name of Parker, in the employ of Mr. John Moulton of Framingham, was crushed on Monday last by the falling of a wagon body, which he and others were raising on end. He was taken from the wagon alive but his back appeared to be broken. Drs. Kittredge and Whitney were called, but there is not much expectation of his recovery.

MURDER IN STOW. The Selectmen of Stow have offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of the murderer of George Hilditch of Stow. It is stated that he was killed on the night of the 2d inst. on the road leading from Stow to Marlborough. He was 31 years old and had a wife and two children.

SPEED. The express mail with the news brought in the Hibernia arrived at N. York from Boston in quick time. It passed from Greenport, L. I. to N. York, 95 miles, in two hours and fifty minutes, with a train of four cars.

FIRE. The Portsmouth (N. H.) Mercury says, Mr. Peter Hardy of South Kingston lost his house and all his furniture by fire on Sunday morning. It is supposed to have taken from the oven.

VERMONT ELECTION. We have partial returns from Vermont. All the towns in Windsor county are in; Whig 4,733; Democrat 3,110, and 721 Abolition votes. In 1843 the vote stood 3,823 Whig, and 3,389 Democratic. In Washington county there is but little variation from last year, and the democrats will probably elect their candidate for Congress. In the other counties the Whig party has gained some so far as we have returns, but not so largely as in Windsor.

KENTUCKY ELECTION. We now give exact returns from this State for the benefit of those who are curious in these matters.

For Governor.	For Lieut. Governor.
Owley, 59,680	Dixon, 60,070
Butler, 55,056	Picher, 48,989
4,624	11,081

The Senate stands 26 Whigs to 12 Democrats. The House consists of 64 Whigs, 35 Democrats, and 1 neutral.

IF we have received a box of very nice yellow rasperie peaches from our friend Brackley Shaw, 2d, of East Abington. He writes that his trees have just begun to bear, and he has good hopes of next year. We will remember Mr. Shaw's place. He is zealously engaged in farming and gardening, and is an enterprising cultivator.

He showed us, a young orchard that he thought had been injured by being washed with red. The bark of the young trees looked too red. The bark that was used was just twice as strong as that which we have uniformly recommended. Two pounds of potash instead of one, were dissolved in a gallon of water—yet it did not kill the trees, as a little water in this city tells his readers our wash will, made just half as strong.

APPLES. E. Bartlett, Esq., of Newburyport has shown us some very fine apples that grew on his place. They are large as the largest greenings, which they much resemble in appearance, but these are now ripe and have something of a spicy taste. As they are seedlings we call them "Bartlett apples."

Mr. Salmon Buckmaster who is now managing a farm in West Newbury, has shown us a beautiful apple called "Dutch Codling." Such apples never fail to command a decent price.

Mr. B. J. Leeds, of Framingham, has presented us an excellent apple from his garden, and wishes to know the name. It is a seedling from the river Kennebec. We introduced it from K. into our orchard eighteen years ago, and have two trees in bearing. In figure it resembles the Porter and its flavor is somewhat like that apple, but is far more from prominent cheeks, and its color is a pale red. It is a thrifty tree and is worth propagating.

HORTICULTURAL ROOMS. Last Saturday there was a splendid display of fruits and flowers. A great variety of plants was on the table. This fruit is uncommonly good this year. We have never seen better plans.

The Early Sweet Bough apple makes a good appearance. The Williams apple is a new fruit, very and handsome. It is now ripe and will be worth cultivating as an early variety.

Mr. N. E. Day, of Lunenburg, whose red sweet apples we commended last week, sold a barrel of them yesterday for four dollars. They did look handsome.

HON. SILAS WRIGHT'S ADDRESS. In our next paper we shall publish the address of Mr. Wright, which was commenced by the Hon. John C. Park of this city. He spoke at Watertown, N. Y.

Mr. Wright is one of the most candid as well as able of the democratic speakers. He, like Mr. Webster, uses very civil language towards his opponents.

NEW YORK NOMINATION.—It was reported yesterday that the Syracuse Democratic Convention had nominated the Hon. Silas Wright, now a Senator in Congress, as a candidate for Governor of that state. Also Addison Gardner of Rochester for Lieut. Governor.

BUFFALO AND CHICAGO are twelve hundred miles distant from each other, by water; a correspondent of the Boston Courier says, the Steamer St. Louis, 700 tons burthen, and costing \$80,000, is to make its trip from one port to the other in four days and a half, including stops. Her length is 192 feet; breadth of beam and guards 47 feet.

J. T. Buckingham, Esq., editor of the Boston Courier, will deliver the Address at Concord, before the Society of Farmers and Mechanics, on the second day of October next. In our last paper we gave the name of G. F. Farley, Esq. by mistake as the lecturer.

CROPS AND MARKETS IN CANADA. At Montreal there are large stores of flour and no demand. Apples and pears have generally failed this season. Potatoes are abundant, and the back wheat crops are very good. Indian corn and barley an average crop.

The editor of this paper accepts the invitation of the Agricultural Society of Montreal and the adjacent towns, to deliver an address at their Annual Show on the first Tuesday of October next.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AND PRIVATE ECONOMY. One of the New York papers tells a tale that ought to be reported to the world—that the U. S. mail came through the other day with only two letters! So much for mail management.

Mr. P. R. Russell, of Cambridge has presented us some very fine Bartlett peaches that grew on a mountain ash stock. We cannot perceive any tincture of the ash in the pear, but yet there may be some.

Lewis & Sampson have No. 8 of the splendid edition of the Illustrated Bible, from the press of the Harpers, and part XVII of McCulloch's Gazetteer.

Redding & Co. have the latest periodicals by the steamship Hibernia—No. 8 of Harper's Bible, the New Mirror, &c.

Jordan & Co. have the Ladies' Companion for September, with music, engravings and original tales by a dozen different writers.

THE DOOR CONVENTION AT PROVIDENCE.—The Convention met on Wednesday and was organized by the election of Thomas F. Carpenter, Chairman. Among the speakers were ex-Governor Morton of Massachusetts and ex-Governor Hubbard of New Hampshire. The proceedings were peaceably conducted.

The persons killed by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive on the Reading Railroad, were James Ward, the engineer, John McCabe, the conductor, two firemen named Mason and Tigh.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVAL OF THE HIBERNIA.

The steamship Hibernia arrived here on Sunday having made her passage in twelve days, including her stoppage at Halifax. She brought 98 passengers from Liverpool and 19 from Halifax.

Queen Victoria has given birth to another son, to be duke of York. Messengers were immediately sent off to different foreign courts to announce the event; the Park and Tower guns were fired and the bells were rung through the forenoon.

The price of cotton had varied but little since our last advice, and the factories were fully employed.

PARLIAMENT. The session has practically been brought to a close, though there has been no prorogation, both houses have adjourned to the beginning of September, in order to allow of the judges, who are now on their respective circuits, time to make up their judgment on the writ of error, moved by O'Connell and his fellow prisoners. It is supposed that this judgment will be unanimous in favor of the crown, and that the government, having thus been empowered to show that the repeal agitation is decidedly unlawful, and that the late attempt to dismember the British empire will no longer be tolerated, will shortly release the prisoners from their confinement.

The parliamentary proceedings had been mostly of a routine character.

IRELAND. The meetings of the Repeal Association go on very busily. No great importance is done at the moment. The rent for the week ending August 5th was £1207—for that ending August 12th, £946 17s.

FRANCE. The session of the French Legislature for 1884 was closed by Royal ordinance on the 5th inst. The Budget of 1885; in which the expenditures are set down at 1,363,576,348 francs, and the ways and means at 1,327,784,417 francs.

On the 10th inst. a grand dinner was given at the Palace of Neuilly, in celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the day on which Louis Philippe took possession of the throne, after making oath to the charter of 1830, in presence of the two chambers. The ministers, ambassadors, grand dignitaries of the state, and a large number of general officers, attended the banquet.

DEATH OF A FRENCH PRINCESS. We are happy to state that the Princess de Joinville was, at half-past twelve on the night of the 14th inst., safely delivered of a Princess, at Neuilly. Her Royal Highness and the infant Princess are both going on favorably.

SPAIN. Quercus Jucunda. Letters from Barcelona say the health of the young Queen is not such as to afford satisfaction for the last five or six days. She can scarcely take exercise even in her own apartments, as she is quite lame. It is said she is suffering from a swelling of the joints in the apartment; but it is believed that her difficulty of moving is owing to her being swollen in an extraordinary manner, particularly in her legs. Her appearance is that of one in a comatose stupor; her sister is also ill, and confined to her apartment.

PORTUGAL. A letter from Lisbon, dated July 30, says: "The Portuguese officers, who emigrated into Spain after the suppression of the recent revolt at Almeida, have been informed by the Spanish government, that they must either quit the country, or submit to be sent to Majorca and Minorca; and in consequence of this intimation many of them have applied for passports to proceed to France. This step, there is no doubt, has been taken at the request of the Portuguese government."

THE WAR WITH MOROCCO. We copy the following intelligence and comments from the Liverpool Standard of the 20th: "The Parisian Journals of Thursday brought us the intelligence that the French Government and Morocco had commenced the bombardment of Tangiers. The graphic description from the French Admiral—"

"Before Tangiers, the 7th. On the 4th inst., a reply to the ultimatum of M. de Nyon was received, but was not of a nature to be accepted. On the 5th it was informed that Mr. Hay was in the city. On the morning of the 6th, I attacked the fortifications of Tangiers. Eighty pieces of artillery returned the fire. In about an hour their fire was silenced, and their batteries dismantled. On the morning of the 6th, the batteries were dismantled, and the guns dismantled. On our side the loss was not considerable."

Notwithstanding the difficulty of the ground for the attack, the French fleet, commanded by the Prince, anchored in six fathoms and a half, with a rocky bottom, and the position nearest the enemy's batteries, was that chosen by the French.

There is important news from this country. It seems that Mahomet Ali has either formally abdicated, or in a fit of madness, quitted Alexandria, and refused to have any thing more to do with the government. From certain circumstances connected with the departure of the Highness of the Viceroy, it would appear that the latter was the most probable supposition, but the accounts are involved in so much obscurity that it is not easy to form an opinion as to the exact nature of the case. The leading papers of Paris and London, however, regard it as certain that Mahomet Ali has really abdicated, and retired to Mecca. The telegraphic dispatch to the French government says that—His Highness the Viceroy has just abruptly left Alexandria, declaring that he renounces forever, Egypt and public affairs, and that he means to retire to Mecca. Ibrahim Pacha is at Alexandria—the city is quiet."

This is dated Alexandria, July 27th.

VISIT OF THE PROVIDENCE FIREMEN. The Niagara Engine Company, of Providence, arrived in this city by Railroad, Thursday morning, on an excursion, and were received at the depot by the Torrent Engine Company, No. 6, of Roxbury. A large company appeared with "a fall rope," which was a beautiful appearance in their next fireman's uniform. They marched through the principal streets, and breakfasted at the Perkins House. They were afterwards received at the Roxbury line by the whole Roxbury Fire Department, and partook of a collation at Guild Hall. They were then again escorted through the city by the Torrent Engine Company, and visited Bunker Hill, the Navy Yard, &c. at Charles River. Returning in the evening through the city, they formed a most brilliant torch-light procession, and again repaired to Guild Hall, where they partook of a banquet.

FIRE IN GREENE, ME. A house, barn and other out-buildings, belonging to Capt. Jabez Pratt, were set on fire and burnt at Greene corner, 29th ult. There were 40 tons of hay in the barn; the furniture in the house was chiefly saved. Loss estimated at \$3000. There was an insurance on the buildings.

EMIGRATION ON A GRAND SCALE. We learn from a Liverpool paper that a large section of Calvinist Methodists, 1,000 at least, from Garmston and Anglesey, are preparing to emigrate to this country, with a view to forming a community on the banks of the Mississippi.

OUTRAGE OF THE HOBWART. We have the particulars of another high-handed act by some "Indians" in Rensselaer county yesterday. A gentleman from Lockport, with his cousin, Mr. Douglas of this city, hired a carriage from Mr. Crocker, who keeps a livery stable in Hudson street, to take them over to Stephentown. While there on Sunday afternoon, walking over a farm belonging to the family, they noticed a stake in the ground bearing the inscription "Down with the Root!" They pulled up in a moment of sport, and without thinking that the act would give offence to any body. Yesterday morning they started on their return home, and when within 15 miles of this city they were stopped by a party of 40 or 50 "Indians" all on horseback, armed, painted and disguised. The Chief, riding up to the driver, levelled a pistol at his head and ordered him to stop. The driver not immediately obeying this command, the Indians made at the horses with their spears—whereupon the driver stopped.

One of the band then mounted the driver's box, and two others got inside the carriage. The Indian on the box cocked his pistol, held it to the driver's head, and directed him to get back with him. This order was obeyed, and under the escort of the band, Mr. Douglas was driven all the way back to Stephentown, where he was examined and the proposition discussed. The driver was then released, but he did not reach home till this morning. We have these facts from Rogers, a resident of Stephentown, who adds that on his compulsory ride back to Stephentown yesterday, his "Indian" companion on the box, whenever they approached a dwelling, would level his pistol at its head, raise his tomahawk, as if about to strike, and then directed him to get back with him. The driver was then released, but he did not reach home till this morning. 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nitter, consisting of *Mosses* *Nuttall*, *J. W. Frazer* and *W. J. R. Nuttall*, and *W. J. R. Nuttall*.
Esper, a moth through and preserving trial in the
of Salem in October last, occupying two days. The
for the trial was made up of the following:—
at the plough, the power by which a plough is moved
case with which it is hauled, and the manner in which
the plough is hauled, and the manner in which it is
sideration." And after giving a statement of the first
days' trial, at which there were 13 ploughs present
for trial, and the manner in which they held the
ploughs they say,—"As so much depends on the skilful
of the person ploughing, and the manner in which
they know what the proportion of the merits of the
work was to be attributed to the plough and what
to the plougher, the committee thought it was neces-
sary to effort to enlarge the work beyond the nature
powers of the plough, the committee requested the com-
mittee to make a list of the names of the ploughs, and
large and one of medium size, to be tried on a subse-
quent day: the smaller size to turn a furrow 12 inches
wide, and the larger size to turn a furrow 14 inches
new 14 inches wide and 7 inches deep." The examina-
tion of these ploughs took place on the 24th of October.
The following is a copy of their table, showing the
comparison of the ploughs, in pounds required to
overcome the different ploughs:

MEDIUM SIZE PLOUGHS.	
Winslow of Danvers,	462 lbs.
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By Ruggles & Co., Worcester, Mass., Hingham,	412 lbs.
LARGE SIZE FLOCHES.	
Winstow,	512 lbs.
Prosser & Co., Sud A.,	487 lbs.
Worcester, Eng. No. 2,	450 lbs.
Howard,	

In speaking of the Improved Eagle plough, to which they unanimously awarded the highest premium, the judges say we see in it "all the qualities which combine all the good qualities manifested in either of the others, with some peculiar to itself; and" "farther," they particularly commend its "lightness, freedom of castings on the ploughs of Ruggles & Co., their *firmness and durability*." "Their appearance certainly merits the highest commendation."

"The process of *chilling the points*, the entire *edge of the share, and flange-like base of the land-side*, gives a perfect and decided character to the plough, and is of a decidedly superior character." "And this there is no hazard in saying the value of the parts the share and flange is thereby increased."

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THE POETS' CORNER.

THE DYING CHILD AND THE BEHEAVED MOTHER.

BY G. W. LIVERMORE.

Oh! pale and sickening child,
A widow's mother pray!
On him she cried in accents wild,
Not death!—but life!—he said!

To spare her heart and only son,
Oh heaven she did implore!
O spare my dear beloved one,
And I will ask no more!

Spare him as nurse of my years,
On death's couch my life lay!
O spare him though my vale of tears,
I now beseech and pray!

The mother's voice distressed her child;
He said, "Oh to come!"
And then looked up and sweetly smiled
And said, "I'm going home!"

Dear mother, do not for me grieve,
I shall far better be!
And thou most joyfully receive,
When thou shalt come to me."

The child now heaved and gasped for breath,
And turned upon his side!
He was within the arms of death,
And shortly, quietly died.

The anguish that poor mother felt,
No mortal tongue can tell!
She sank and by his bedside knelt,
And breathed a last farewell!

She raised to God her feeble voice,
Where comfort she could find;
And prayed that since it was his choice,
That she might be resigned.

But ere they laid beneath the turf,
The object of her pride,
She hid away to scenes of earth,
They now lie side by side.

Brighton, Aug. 1844.

TEMPERANCE SONG.

BY MRS. SOPHIA H. OLIVER.

Oh! cast aside the poisonous bowl,
Oh! break the tyrant's chain,
Arise with soul, unfettered soul,
And be a man again!

Sweet is the draught we pour for you,
No fruitage of the vine;
But purest, brightest nectar dew,
Sweet Nature's generous wine!

The Earth, our lovely mother Earth,
O'er all her emerald hills,
Her fountains, fates and bowers of mirth,
Hath poured sweet nectar rills.

And list! how life is breathing up,
From every fragrant flower,
To thy dear soul, and sparkling cup,
Drink Nature's generous wine!

Then! oh! beware the flower wreath'd bowl,
A serpent lures beneath,
Its raptur' 'till it shall thy soul
To deep despair and death.

And let not Wisdom plead in vain,
In accents all of woe,
But break the tyrant's gilded chain,
Drink Nature's generous wine.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

A DOMESTIC STORY.

Nothing could exceed the prettiness of the

suburban cottage to which Mark Pringle took

home his newly-married wife, except, (and such

a comparison is more odious than the game of

the lady herself. What a picture she was!

with dark, sparkling eyes, sharp, clear, regu-

lar features, and "wee bit nou," fresh as a

rose, and with her skin so soft and so silken

in texture, and lived in complexion. Oh! those

English women! what a debt of amiability

they owe nature for her favoritisms—then

her neatness was exquisite—each hair breadth

neatly—each untrampled platitude in cuffs and

collars—always looking, as the vulgar say (the

term is a very apt one) as if she was in print.

How she managed to know not, for she was by

no means one of those persons who sit in a

room, like waxen ladies in a glass-case, merely

to be looked at; on the contrary, she was a

very active, bustling little person (even in her

father's house) but, exert herself as she

would, on no account would she let her dress

injure—she was still perfect—still in print;

every fold falling just as it should do, every plait

precise, as if laid so, with the fixture that kept

up the glossy bands of hair.

Everybody had seen Mark Pringle's place, or

its ditto, so great a likeness exists in all suburban

cottages—the stuccoed front, Swiss roof,

Elizabethan chimneys, and Gothic windows;

always-green, trimly-kept grass, and a

pretty flower bed, and the mould looks

richly-colored and smooth as the dust in our

grandmother's agate snuff-box, the park-wire

fence, the polished door, the shining knocker,

the glittering and the shining of the

serpentine and the relief of the

serpentine path, with the locked gate

at the end of it; these things are as familiar to

my readers as the figure of Achilles to the

keepers of Hyde Park.

Now fancy Mrs. Pringle "at home," the

newness of widowhood a little worn off, and

a natural disposition for setting to rights begin-

ning to develop itself. Poor Mark! how happy

he was, watching her move hither and thither

in form the chaos of a month's bachelor house-

keeping; how good naturedly he stood by to see

old gloves, song books, bits of strings, segars,

old letters, and the like, and the like, and the like,

single line in a female hand could be amongst

them—thrown out from the well filled drawers,

to make room for the snowy linen and delicate-

ly scented sachets in Mrs. Pringle's regime;

and what a world of importance was in the

arched eyebrows and compressed lips of the new

wife—the queen despot in her little empire of

housewifery. Order certainly looks very pretty

in a week-old bridal cap and white petticoat, and

To the working out of these principles she

brought a most extensive knowledge of alchem-

istry, and the receipt for furniture-polish, and

the connection of family dishes upon a

system of frugality that might make Mrs. C.

Pringle's young housewife blush for extravagance.

The cleanliness on one side and economy

on the other, she took the seat of honor at

her husband's heart. And from such suppo-

ses much might be expected; but she over-

worked them to produce ends from those they

intended to produce.

The wedding visit received and paid, Mrs.

Pringle felt herself at liberty to commence her

alterations and emendations at *libitum*. The

drawing-room, (as of most importance), was

attacked first; and with the physical aid of her

own servant, a rapid revolution was effected.

Talk of rule and compass regularity, here it

was developed to its utmost practicalness. Mir-

rors were moved, pictures transposed from an

artistic light to the very worst, because they

wanted an air of uniformity, the easy fire-side

couches drawn back to the walls, the scattered

chairs called to order, and made to fall in side

by side, with regular precision, the ottoman

force was disposed of altogether as being

too irregular; and lastly, having lavished no

end of druggery on the carpet, and brown

holland on the chairs and sofas, the curtains

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ridiculous exactions of her whitewashed and

polished Penates; every appliance of enjoyment

was turned into a source of discontent, and that

quality that causes men to desire, she turned

into a source of complaint, because (by being

carried to the extreme) the base of a home reple-

ted with every means for domestic happiness.

Upon the principle of a "place for every thing,

and every thing in its place," chairs and plate,

and, were locked up for show, and common ar-

chives substituted for their own use. Willow-

pattern delf did duty for a double service of chi-

na, and the worst specimens of pottery-ware for

the elegant equipage of Mark's bachelor toa-

tile; the house was shrouded from the attic to

the hall, for fear of soiling or wearing the car-

pets; the mahogany polished to such a spec-

imen perfection, that it became too fine for

use, and poor Mark dined on water-cress, and

served on a deal table; for he threw himself on

a sofa, a lack like a pang of uneasiness, spread

over Mrs. Pringle's face, lest he should put the

cushions out of shape or disarrange the false

cover; he scarcely dared approach farther than

the scaper, in his boots, and had only the priv-

ilege of one peg in his own hall where he might

unobtrusively hang his hat. As for books, it

was not till the day after tomorrow, when they

stood, like the artificial volumes in the library

of a library; to all appearance books; but no one

saw a gap in their closely marshalled array.

It disturbed Mrs. Pringle for the day to see a

sham and a false book, and she was so much

"indisposed," that she was obliged to leave the

house, and to her own room, where she was

restored to herself.

"A wife must be so careful," Mark would

whisper to himself, as the only solace under

this rule, but even this comforting belief

by degrees wore itself out, and he felt that the

extreme of cleanliness for a man's property

frequently involved a great deal of trouble.

Poor Mrs. Pringle! if ever the elements of

housewifery were embodied in human form, it

was in this! Nothing else seemed to have

any interest for her—she went to bed tired of

the day, and the next morning she was as tired

to-morrow; and yet you would fancy that, like

the Belides, her task was a hopeless and never

ending one; for, I need not tell my readers,

that a disposition to do things in a certain

way, and a great deal of trouble, and a not com-

ing of his principles. No, no!

every morning brought its alterations and

improvements; there was a genius of ambition

in her, and she was not content with the

example, Mrs. Pringle knew it required con-

tinual exertion to keep in advance; but, as

unremitting attention, (whatever be its object)

is always rewarded with success, Mrs. Pringle

soon distanced all competitors, and was left

without a single rival; but something more than

notableness is necessary in woman to give her

that place in an intelligent man's estimation,

that she may be called a help-mate, the term,

a help-mate for him, and Mark, no longer con-

sider the thraldom of passion, began to wonder at

his own want of discernment in the choice he

had made. Your martinet in ultra cleanliness

that she not only had, but was a help-mate,

and, have much the same idea in scolding

their maids, that sea-captains entertain in

swearing at their seamens, viz., 'duty is not to

be done without it,' and, therefore, Mark had

frequently listened to the rehearsal of the day's

grievances—Sally's pert answers and provok-

ing ways, how she was found rubbing the table

with the wrong way of the grain, and had used the

plaster for the fire-iron. Poor man! What

could he do, such a nuisance! His common-

places were soon worn threadbare by frequent

using, and his wife pronounced him the most

apathetic and indifferent person, because, in the

middle of these diurnal details, he frequently left

alone.

They had children, specimens of needle work

and neatness, looking forever like the wax

models in a baby-linen warehouse, the wonder

and admiration of all who saw them, the vic-

inity, poor Mark! he fancied that they were

something on which to lean, and that they

source that involuntary it turns to—the secret

tears of affliction have in them the aspirations

of a wounded spirit, and when these are

heard—She began to see clearly her part in

the duty, to feel that with her it rested to make

home the nucleus of her family's happiness or

discomfort; and silently her work of reform be-

gan; her system of cleanliness was unaltered,

but it began to act like the fill of cheerfulness

instead of the stiff color of particularity; she

inexorably drew close to her the hearts of her

children, and unobtrusively recalled her hus-

band's affections; in short, poor, petty

anxieties, and lastly (as we have seen) by